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her! He demanded the author of the story, and was referred to an old gentleman who had told his informer; the old man gave his wife; his wife her neighbour's wife, and so the tale might be traced down, through about five and twenty mouths, growing rather less at every step, until it came to Miss Polly Gau—she had affirmed that she overheard Mr. Pellew and his wife engaged in a violent quarrel, and even heard a distinct affirmation on her part she would leave him.

Mr. Pellew now hit upon an expedient to bring matters to a close at once. He invited all such of his and his wife's relatives, his neighbours, his creditors, &c. as were within his reach, to meet at his house, on business of the utmost importance.—About twenty assembled, among them Miss Gau, and a half a dozen, or more, of the principal mouthpieces in the village.—He then stated to them his business; recounted the stories he had heard; traced them all down to their origin, and demanded of Miss Polly her reasons for the report she had raised. Cornered up so unexpectedly and suddenly, she candidly confessed that the only foundation for what she had said, was, that on the afternoon she had paid the visit first mentioned, she had heard, as she entered, Mrs. Pellew say, "Well, sir, I can take care of myself."—And she wished to know if Julia Pellew would deny this. Julia replied she would not—she had barbecued a pair of fine fat quails for her husband's supper, and had been helping him to a choice bit—he had pressed her to keep it herself saying she was too kind; and she did, on the occasion, utter the offensive words, "Well, sir, I can take care of myself."

A burst of astonishment succeeded—Miss Gau ran out of the room like a woman who had lost her senses. The worthy couple received the congratulations of the honest people present; and tho' the knaves shook their heads, and pretended to be mighty glad the truth had come out, it was with a grace that but half concealed their sorrow. Thereafter not a syllable was ever lipsed about the before much-talked-of separation.

But thus it is, gentle reader, that one half the tea-table stories originate; and who would think there were still as many ready to believe them and trumpet them about, as there were in Alesbury, in Molly Gau's time.

FROM A LATE LONDON PAPER.

### BOW-STREET.

**JOHN BROWN.**—This John Brown was a boot-clothes by profession; and he had been sent to the watch-house for drinking more beer than he could pay for. He had gone into a public house some nights ago, in which house he was a stranger, and seeing nobody but a little girl in the bar, he took the liberty of walking off without paying for the beer he had drunk. On the following night he went to the same house again, thinking to fill his bowels with beer on the same economic plan; but unfortunately for him, just as he was waddling away blithely, the landlord caught him by the coat tail; and pulling him back into the house, insisted upon instant payment for all he had drunk. This was a very awkward demand upon John Brown—who at the best of times is more handy at closing a boot, than closing an account, and as he declared he could not pay if he would, the landlord packed him off to the watch-house without more ado.

In his defence before the magistrate he said he was willing to pay as soon as he could, and he should not have acted so shabbily if he had not been "helluawed in liquor."

"You were drunk, were you?" said Sir Richard.

"Upon my word and honour I was," replied John Brown.

"Very drunk," said his Worship.

"Very drunk," replied John.

"Then pay five shillings for having been so," said his Worship, "and the publican may summon you to the Court of Requests for the beer."

Poor John Brown little thought his drunken confession would have led to this sober result;

but there was no help for it—the Magistrate assumed him if he did not pay the fine, he should try the tread-mill for a week; and the gaoler took him away.

From the New-England Galaxy.

What have we here? A man or a fish? dead or alive? A fish—it smells like a fish. A very ancient and fish-like smell. A strange fish. Were I in England, now, and had but this fish painted, not a holiday fool there but would give a piece of silver; any strange beast there makes a man. I do now let loose my opinion—I can hold no longer; this is no fish, but an islander, that has lately suffered by a thunder-bolt.

**SHAKESPEARE.—Tempest.**—The Mermaid—Of all the strange fish that visit this metropolis of nations, during election week, the Mermaid, brought here by Captain Dodge, from Manilla, is surely the strangest. A new made senator, suffering all the tortures that can be inflicted by the constitutional prefix *Honorable* to his christian name—a representative, newly translated from behind his counter, where he sold tea by the quarter, molasses by the pint, rum by thimbfulls, and gunpowder by the dozen—are nothing at all, great and wonderful curiosities as they are, in comparison with the Mermaid.

The question continually asked, is, Is it really and truly *bona fide*, a mermaid? We answer, go and see. Examine for yourself. If the skin of a large cod-fish stuffed, with a skeleton of a child's body put in the place of the cod's head, the jaws and teeth of a cat inserted into that which represents the head of the child, and the whole, except the *seal* part, enveloped in a bladder, or some other skinny substance, and smoked well with burning camphor, can make a Mermaid, then as sure as a fish is a fish, or as certainly as Doctor Mitchell is a great philosopher and no witch, there is a Mermaid now to be seen in the room adjoining the New-England Museum, Court-street, where may be seen a great many curiosities, for the small sum of twenty-five cents. We hope that captain Dodge will not think us ill-natured, and desirous of preventing people from going to see the Mermaid. We wish to do him service and, doubtless, the more we abuse his odd fish, the more money he gets. But, seriously, we advise him to submit it immediately to the inspection of our learned professors, who are skilled in ichthyological anatomy, and procure a certificate of its character. If they will say, on their honor, after anatomizing the creature, that it is nothing more nor less than a Mermaid, he may pull in his quarters of a dollar by bushels, mangre, the Vampyre of the Ocean, the Egyptian Mummy, or even the Sea Serpent.

From Quebec papers to the 1st of June.

### DISASTROUS SHIPWRECKS.

The Alexander experienced a very stormy passage, and saw many vessels much damaged. On the 1st of May saw a wreck to leeward, and bore down upon her; she proved to be the Argo, of Glasgow, with the loss of masts, bowsprit, and boats; saw no person on board—in lat. 46° lon. 38°, spoke the Crown bound to Miramichi, took on board Captain Smith, with a female and boy, and three seamen wrecked in the Brig Cumberland from Liverpool to Montreal with a very valuable general cargo it is supposed of nearly £20,000. The Cumberland sailed on the 3d of April, and in a hurricane, lat. 48° lon. 57°, lost eight seamed overboard, the remainder were taken on board the Crown. The vessel was abandoned a total wreck—Spoke the Horatio, Sparks, off Anticosti. 24th inst. saw the Barque Crown, intelligence from her Brothers.—In longitude 38° W. fell in with the hull of the ship Argo, Capt. Murray, of and from Greenwich to Miramichi, and succeeded in saving the Captain, his brother, Mr. Gilmore and two nephews, one boy and about

£5000 in specie. The Minerva of Glasgow took some part of the crew, and the Brig Sarah of Maryport the remainder. The mate, two men, and one boy were washed overboard from the Argo, at the time she was dismasted.

The following particulars of the loss of the Scotia, were given by the mate of that vessel. The Scotia, Capt. Isaac Davis, sailed from the Bay of Honduras on the 1st of April, in company with two other vessels, (the Zephyr and Glutton,) which she parted with on the 8th; on the 29th a heavy sea fell on her, the Scotia carried away her cut water and stem, and rendered her a complete wreck; all hand were immediately employed at the pumps, but their efforts were soon found to be unavailing as she soon became water-logged and unmanageable. In order to avoid the fury of the waves, which now made a fair breach over the deck, the captain, his wife and the crew, in all seventeen, were obliged to seek for shelter on the tops, into which they succeeded in carrying a quantity of provisions; here they had not remained long when, the storm increasing, the vessel upset, precipitating all into the sea; the captain and his wife were washed from their hold and lost, the remainder, by great exertion, made their way to the hull which shortly after righted from the starting of the masts, when they gained the quarter-deck, where they remained, enduring every hardship to which their melancholy situation exposed them for five days; during this time their number was reduced to ten, some were washed overboard and others died through their sufferings. On the 3d of May the wreck was fallen in with by the Saguenay; every exertion was used by the master and crew of that vessel, to relieve them from their perilous state, but owing to the severity of the weather and the imminent danger of their own vessel's falling on board the wreck, they could only succeed in rescuing four, the mate and three of the hands.

### FROM MEXICO.

The schr. Eagle, arrived at Baltimore from Alvarado, left the schooner Macdonough, Ryan, of New-York, captured by the Mexican schooner Iguala, and sent in for adjudication. She was bound from Havana for New-Orleans, and had touched on the coast for water and provisions.—The brig Liberty, Myrick, of New-York, from Pensacola to Alvarado, with a valuable cargo of dry goods, was captured off the bar by the Iguala and sent in. Capt. Myrick reports that he had been extremely ill treated by the commander and officers of the Iguala.

The U. S. brig Spark, Lieut. Com. NEWTON, was at Sacrificio, and expected daily at Alvarado to convey the vessel with money as far as Key West. The U. S. schooner Wazeel, Lieut. ZANTZINGER, was daily expected at Alvarado from Tampico.

Mexico remains in a perfectly tranquil state under the direction of the Sovereign Congress, who had come to the resolution of naming a dictator for the purpose of preventing further internal commotion in the country. The eyes of the nation are directed to General BRAVO, as being a proper person to fill this important station. His known patriotism and republican sentiments are a sufficient guarantee that his fellow citizens will never repent having intrusted him with this high and important command.

General FRISOLLA has been appointed Captain General of the province of Mexico, and gen. Sr. ANNA has been intrusted with a high command on the coast; a measure tending highly to the safety of the nation. Gen. VICTORIA remains commander in chief of the Province of Vera Cruz, with a large body of troops at his command.

News was received at Alvarado on the 13th May that Merida (the Capital of Yucatan) had joined the Mexican Confederacy and made Peace with Campeachy. In consequence great joy was expressed by salutes and displays of Flags. The coast of Yucatan as well as the Captain Generalship of that Province, was embraced in the command of gen. St. ANNA.

The return of Iturbide is thought possible, but highly improbable, and in any event, the consequences are not apprehended by the nation at large.

The loans that have been negotiated by the British Agents are now considered as confirmed and established; and their bills are commanding in Mexico 3s. 8d. sterling per dollar. Senor MEXICO, the Mexican Agent in London, has presented his nation with his commission on the contracts, amounting to 400,000 dollars.

### FALL OF LIMA, &c.

BALTIMORE, June 9.—Capt. Claytor, of the schr. Express, arrived here this morning, in 14 days from Jamaica, reports, that accounts had been received at that place, from the Spanish Main, bringing information that Lima and Callao had both fallen into the hands of the Royalists. Troops were collecting along the coast, viz. Cartagena, &c. to send by way of Panama to the South, as fast as possible. The Royalist force was computed at about nine thousand men, being two thousand more than the force of the Patriots. Another engagement was shortly expected to take place, and fears were entertained of the defeat of the Patriots. The British frigate Pyramis despatched from Jamaica three days before the Express, with money, for New York, to touch at Havana.

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By the schr. Ann, captain Tompkins, at Norfolk from Antigua, a file of the *"Weekly Register,"* from 27th April to 18th May inclusive, that accounts had been received at that place, from the Spanish Main, bringing information that Lima and Callao had both fallen into the hands of the Royalists. Troops were collecting along the coast, viz. Cartagena, &c. to send by way of Panama to the South, as fast as possible. The Royalist force was computed at about nine thousand men, being two thousand more than the force of the Patriots. Another engagement was shortly expected to take place, and fears were entertained of the defeat of the Patriots. The British frigate Pyramis despatched from Jamaica three days before the Express, with money, for New York, to touch at Havana.

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Mr. Humes has given, in Parliament, notice of a motion, the object of which appears to be the reform and reduction of the Church Establishment in Ireland, where there are 5,800,000 Catholics, and only 490,000 Episcopalians. Resident Clergymen of the latter 758—non-resident 581.

**Prospect of a rise in Nutmegs.**—In the British House of Commons on the 14th of April, Mr. Hume observed, that on the western coast of Sumatra, lately ceded to the government of the Netherlands, there were 25 settlers who alone raised as much Nutmeg as was equal to the whole consumption of Great Britain. "From all we know of Dutch conduct and Dutch policy, we might be sure that the new rulers of the island would not suffer these plantations to go on a moment longer."

It enjoins upon them submission to the laws and dutiful obedience to their masters; and commands all the Governors of said islands to give publicity to the proclamation, and enforce the punishment of such as may disturb the tranquility and peace of the colonies.

A long and severe drought had been experienced throughout the Island of Antigua, previous to 27th of April, when they were refreshed with seasonable showers, which promised great relief to all classes of the population.

An arrival at Boston, from La Guaira, brings information, received there on the 23d April, that Campeachy was besieged by an army of 2,500 men, from Merida, and that several skirmishes had taken place between the scouting parties.—On the 25th April, all communication between Campeachy, Laguna and Champoton, was stopped. Four armed vessels from Sisal were blockading Campeachy.

**Extract of a letter from an American gentleman travelling in Europe.**

I visited Geneva, and had the pleasure of making the tour of the Lake, in the steam-boat *Guilliam Telia*, established by an American; she is of 14 horse power, and works extremely well. I was much gratified, and felt a degree of pride and satisfaction in viewing the great improvements of my native country thus introduced, and in full operation in the interior of Europe.

"I cannot express how much I feel indebted, as an American, to the high consideration and esteem with which Com. Bainbridge's name is respected at Toulon, as it obtained for me a visit through the arsenal at that place, which is almost forbidden to strangers, without distinction. The arsenal is a grand establishment, calculated to elevate and inspire the beholder with admiration.

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The packet ship Manhattan, arrived at New York, brings Liverpool papers to the 9th of May, three days later than before received.

We can state from good authority, says a Liverpool paper, that Mr. KEAN has offered to guarantee Mrs. M'GIBSON 1000 pounds, clear of all expenses, provided she and her husband will accompany him to America.

Letters have been received in London, confirming the intelligence of the disaster at the Cape. The papers of the evening of May 6th, say—whatever hopes may be entertained as to the personal safety of Sir C. Macarthy, there can no longer be any reasonable doubts of the battle having taken place, and of its disastrous consequences. The fate of Sir Charles is still involved in mystery, and in that mystery there is still a slender hope for his friends.

The French papers of the 3d of May, contain an unqualified contradiction of the rumor of the assembling of a French naval force at Rio Janeiro.

The *Utanarians*' Marriage Bill was lost in the House of Lords, after much debate, on the 4th of May.

In the House of Commons, on the same day, a motion to make a loan to the people of Ireland, of one million sterling, was rejected by a majority of 85 to 38.

The number of steam-vessels employed in Great Britain, is 163. The largest in size are the London and Leith packets. The next are those which between Liverpool and Greenock.

Lord Cochrane is said now to be on his way to England. This determination has been hastened by the Brazilian Emperor's withholding the prize money due to the brave tars who so gallantly cleared the coast of his enemies.

**Baltimore Shot.**—The Baltimore Shot Tower, which was lately injured by fire, is again in full operation. A ton of shot is manufactured in an hour.

The New-York papers of Saturday last, contain the proclamation of Governor YATES of that state, convening the Legislature on the 2d of August next, for the purpose of considering whether the privilege of choosing electors of President and Vice President, which is now vested in the Legislature, shall be restored directly to the people.

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The editor of the *Norfolk Beacon*, says "We understand that orders have been given by the commissioners of the navy, who are here at present, to fit out the North Carolina 74 for immediate service."

Some disturbance recently took place at Pawtucket, R. I. in consequence of a difference between the owners and workmen of the factories.

It is now said that the ferment has subsided, and that the mills generally are in operation.

Mr. Webster's speech on the Greek Question,

has been translated into the Greek language,

printed, and a large number of copies transmitted to Greece, to be distributed among the people of that country.

A valuable steam plaster mill, belonging to Samuel S. Smith, of Baltimore, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Loss, 6,000 dollars.

General Robert Goodloe Harper, recently presented one hundred volumes of valuable books, to the Apprentices' Library Company of Baltimore. Such acts are worthy of imitation.

Two laborers engaged in digging for the foundation of the new Cathedral at Montreal, have been crushed, one of them to death, and the other very badly, by the falling of a wall.

Demerara papers of the 14th of May, contain no intelligence of interest, nor any thing to confirm the recent report of the probability of another insurrection of the blacks.

Daniel L. Morrill, has been elected governor of New Hampshire, by the Legislature of that state,—there having been no choice by the people.

A letter from London, written in April, states that one of Mr. Perkins' steam Engines was then constructing, to be brought to the United States in July or August, by Mr. Goodrich, of Connecticut, who has been appointed the agent of Perkins and Co. in this country.

A New York paper states that in one of the wards of that city (the eighth) about one thousand houses are now erecting. It is computed that the whole number of houses built and building during the present season will exceed three thousand.

**Florida.**—Accounts have been received at Pensacola, that the Secretary of the Navy had directed Com. Porter, if the situation of the service would permit, to despatch one of the vessels under his command, with instructions to St. Augustine, to take the public documents, the books and furniture of the Legislative Council from that place to St. Marks, from thence to be conveyed to the new seat of government at Tallahassee.

A letter from Montreal of the 3d inst. says, "The river has been covered to day with floating timber from rafts broken by the storm. Some persons have been drowned."

At a late dinner at Cavan, Ireland, 36 Orange toasts were given, accompanied by chears, some of them 9 times 9, amounting in the whole to 900! This was "roaring cheer," with a vengeance.

**An Imperial Doctor.**—The University of Casan has conferred on the Emperor of Austria, the degree of Doctor of Laws, in return for his permission of the astronomical instruments of the University to be made at the Polytechnic school at Vienna.

The City Council of Boston have ordered a quarantine, from June 13 to September 13, on all vessels on board of which a death from any infectious disease shall have occurred, and on all arriving from the West Indies or any other place in the United States or elsewhere, where a contagious or infectious disease shall have recently prevailed, after notice of the existence of such disease.

A letter from an officer on board the U. S. schr. Grampus, dated St. Thomas, May 19, mentions that five or six of the crew only, and none of the officers, had been sick during the cruise, of whom had died—but that then all on board were in perfect health.

A dangerous and often fatal disease prevails in many parts of New England under the name of measles, called by some the black measles, a species of unusual malignancy, not known in that quarter for about 40 years past.

In the ship Diamond, arrived at Salem, from Amsterdam, came passengers, *Alexander H. Everett*, Esq. American Charge d' Affairs in the Netherlands, and his lady.



